## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER ) CASI	E NO. IPC-E-21-03
COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO )	
IMPLEMENT FIXED COST ADJUSTMENT ) NOT	TICE OF APPLICATION
RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM )	
JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 ) NOT	TCE OF
) MOD	DIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
) ORD	ER NO. 34999

On March 15, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Company") applied to implement new Fixed Cost Adjustment ("FCA") rates for certain electric service customer classes from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, and a corresponding revised tariff Schedule 54—Fixed Cost Adjustment—to recover the 2020 FCA balance. The FCA is an annual rate adjustment mechanism that decouples the Company's fixed cost-recovery from its volumetric energy sales. *See* Order No. 30267 and 32505. It applies to Residential and Small General Service customers. *Id.* If the Application is approved as filed, a typical Residential customer's average bill would increase by about \$0.37 cents per month.

Now, we provide notice of the Application and establish comment and reply deadlines.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company seeks recovery of the 2020 FCA balance and approval of proposed rates. The proposed FCA is \$36,706,200 for the Residential class and \$1,609,299 for the Small General Service class, for a total amount of \$38,315,499. *Application* at 5. The Company states the proposed FCA deferral balance is above the current FCA deferral balance collected in customer rates. <sup>1</sup> *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests to increase FCA to \$0.7008 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for the Residential class and \$0.8864 cents per kWh for the Small General Service class. *Id.* If approved, the proposed FCA rates would increase current billed revenue from affected customer classes by 0.38 percent per year. *Id.* at 1, 5.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company proposes a \$2,816,643 increase for Residential and Small Residential customers over the previous year's FCA. *Id.* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the proposed rates take effect on June 1, 2021 and remain in effect until May 31, 2022.<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company will notify customers about its Application through a press release to media in the Company's service area and a customer notice distributed in customers' bills. The Company states it will distribute the customer notice during the current billing cycle, with the last notice being sent on or about April 24, 2021. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, proposed tariff, and testimony have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission office. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-501.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

## NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until May 11, 2021 to file written comments**. Comments must be filed through the Commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's home page at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Idaho Power requests that the FCA rates become effective on June 1, 2021, coincident with the Company's Power Cost Adjustment and with the commencement of seasonal rates. *Id.* at 5.

the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the e-mail addresses listed below. In addition to submitting the comments to the Commission Secretary, the customer must also e-mail the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power must file any reply comments by May 19, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201 – 204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through.204). Persons wishing to file written comments must do so by May 11, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by May 19, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER. COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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